

SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

The North Providence School Committee met on September 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Dr. Pallotta, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Wilkes, and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio., Mr. Gerardi, Ms. Celona, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Grievance and Personnel..

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m. It began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Marciano asked for a moment of silence. He first apologized for the late start to the meeting. He explained that the Executive Session ran late.

The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Mr. Gerardi to speak about the District Wide Health and Wellness Subcommittee. Mr. Gerardi spoke about the information in the School Committee packets and asked the Committee to chair the subcommittee. Mr. DaSilva asked if it would be appointed or voluntary. Dr. Pallotta suggested that it be a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried that the District Wide Health and Wellness Subcommittee be a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee.

Next was Field Trip Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests per School Committee policy.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Requests as submitted in the September 28, 2005 School Committee packets.

Next was Home Schooling Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Home Schooling Requests, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the requests by Doris Beneditti for Taylor Maria Mastrati (Grade 7); Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Hebert for Eli Hebert (Grade 7); Staci Morro for Joshua Ryan Morrow (Grade 1); and Mrs. Tetreault for Joseph Tetreault (Grade 3). Mr. Cataldi voted nay to this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

Next was the Transportation Policy. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Policy as submitted to the School Committee in their packets.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Transportation Policy as submitted.

Next was the Fine Host Settlement Agreement. Superintendent Ottaviano turned it over to Mrs. Celona. Mrs. Celona explained that in March, she received a letter from the attorneys for Fine Host stating that they did not follow some of the guidelines for federal requirements from 1998 to 2002 and they owed the North Providence School Department \$42,000.00. Mr. Scungio met with the attorneys to review the settlement. She added that the money must stay in the lunch program and asked for the Committee's approval of the settlement. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the settlement.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Settlement as submitted.

Next was the Middle School Grammar and Literature Textbook Replacements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 6th through 8th grade grammar and literature textbooks as discussed. Member of the Committee asked questions regarding the pricing and what was included for the teachers. Mrs. Reall felt that these were the kind of textbooks that read like college materials.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Wilkes and

carried to approve the Middle School Grammar and Literature Textbook Replacements.

Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the September 28, 2005 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the September 28, 2005 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.

Mr. Cataldi first spoke about the student residency issue. He asked that the School Committee receive monthly reports outlining the number of students being disenrolled, the status of the collections, and the status of reimbursements.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes to ask the Administration to update the Committee on a monthly basis regarding the number of students being disenrolled, the status of the collections, and the status of reimbursements. Mrs. Reall asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Martinelli, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Wilkes, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Dr. Pallotta, aye, and Chairman Marciano, aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Next, Mr. DaSilva discussed Usage of Property. He made a motion that each organization that requests property usage be required to sign a contract with respect to in kind services. Discussion took place regarding this. Members of the Committee felt that they would like time to review the contract before voting on anything. After discussion, Mr. DaSilva withdrew his motion.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to have the building committee meet to discuss this issue and to defer action on this issue.

Next, Mr. Martinelli withdrew his request regarding public comments.

Next, Mr. Wilkes made a motion to change the meetings to 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to change the time of the School Committee Meetings to 6:30 p.m.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5.

Mr. Polisena spoke on behalf of the Basketball League. He expressed concerns with the contract. Members of the Committee assured him that the Basketball League does a lot of in-kind services that are very appreciated by the School Department and that the proposed contract was not directed towards them. Mr. Wilkes added that he would like to take each organization individually to tighten up the process.

Next was Requests to Address the Committee. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business.

First was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignation of Erica Garber – Assistant High School Girls' Soccer Coach effective September 2, 2005.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the resignation of Erica Garber – Assistant High School Girls' Soccer Coach effective September 2, 2005; and

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the resignation of Suzanne Hopper – Girls' Basketball Coach/Ricci Middle School effective September 20, 2005. Jeannine Fortin – Teacher Assistant effective August 16, 2005.

Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Request by Beverly Leal for an Extension of the Paid FMLA effective October 1, 2005 through October 28, 2005.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Request by Beverly Leal for an Extension of the Paid FMLA effective October 1, 2005 through October 28, 2005.

Next was Lay-off Recisions.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Lay-Off Recision as submitted.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments:

Diane Brito, Teacher Assistant effective August 31, 2005; Donald Cyr – Custodian effective August 29, 2005; Steven Hird, Custodian effective August 29, 2005; Richard Marchione, Custodian effective August 29, 2005; Thomas Policastro, Secondary ESL Teacher effective August 29, 2005; Susan Rainone, Assistant High School Girls' Soccer Coach effective September 29, 2005; Pamela Raymond, Crossing Guard, effective September 26, 2005; and Michael Troccoli, Custodian, effective September 12, 2005.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and the entire Committee and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointments as presented.

Chairman Marciano asked those appointees present to stand and accept congratulations.

Next was a Change of Status. Superintendent Ottaviano

recommended approval of the Change of Status as submitted in the School Committee packets.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the change of status as submitted.

Next was Use of Property Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the September 28, 2005 packets.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as submitted.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N.

Providence School Department List of Bills dated September 28, 2005 in the amount of \$1,047,191.26 be approved and paid.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the September 28, 2005 North Providence School Department List of Bills be approved and paid.

Next was Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried that the Minutes of the September 28, 2005 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Pending Business. There being none,

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilkes